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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle Salt Lake City, commencing on Saturday, April 4, 1903. A general attendance of the offcers and members of the Church is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

CHANGE OF FAST DAY.

As the General Conference will be in session on the first Sunday in April, it is deemed advisable that the fast, usually observed on the first Sunday In each month, be held on the last Sunday in March, 1963, in those Stakes and Wards where the officers and members in large numbers will attend the Annual Conference. This will apply particularly to the Salt Lake Stake of Zion and adjoining places. The Presidents of Stakes and Bishops at distant points will use their own judgment as to making the change for this occasion.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND,

RELIGION CLASS OFFICERS' MEETING.

The Presidency of Stakes, Bishopric of wards, Stake and ward superinten dents and members of the Stake Boards of Religion classes together with the officers and instructors are cordially 'nyited to attend a meeting of Religion class workers to be held at Barratt Hall on Saturday, April 4, 1903, at 4:30 o'clock p, m.

ANTHON H. LUND. RUDGER CLAWSON. JOSEPH M. TANNER, General Superintendency. L. JOHN NUTTALL. General Secretary.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Descret Sunday School Union will be held Sunday, April 5, 1963, at 7:30 p. m. in the Tabernacle. The attendance of stake and ward officers and teachers is urgently requested and all the Saints are invited. A preliminary meeting of stake superintendents and assistants will be held in the assembly room of the Salt Lake Business college, Templeton building, at 5 o'clock p. m., Sunday, April 5. A full attendance is de-

JOSEPH F. SMITH, GEORGE REYNOLDS, JOSEPH M. TANNER. General Superintendency.

WATER PLANS AND PROSPECTS

A Washington dispatch to the Herald announces the appointment of Professor George L. Swendson of Utah, to take charge of the investigations of irrigation projects in this State. It is understood that these include inquiries as to the Utah lake and Bear lake reservoir projects. This news is very encouraging and will doubtless receive attention from the commission, recently appointed by the Governor to secure, if possible, some portion of the government appropriation under the National -Irrigation act.

The necessity of making Utah lake a reservoir under the provisions of national law, seems to be recognized by all unbiased investigators. Of course it is perceived by the great majority of the people in Salt Lake county. The canais which draw their supply from that lake would each receive enormous increase, and agriculture would obtain a wonderful impetus in this valley. Salt Loke City would certainly be relieved of the danger of scarcity, if the plans projected in connection with the Utah lake proposition were perfected. By exchange of water, the Cottonwood streams could be secured for domestic purposes, and both the inhabitants of the city and the farmers who now use that water would be mutually benefited, as the Cottonwood water is adapted for culinary use and the lake water for ir-

But the Utah county people, or a portion of them, are alarmed, lest | may still believe that the evidence did they should be injured by any not warrant her conviction. At the time measure for the raising of the take level, whether by dyking or otherwise. It is quite natural that interest should be aroused among them on any question relating to Utah lake. father was a nephew of the late John And it is quite proper that they should be prepared to defend their own rights. States cupreme court, and a member of A little more investigation, however, would, we think, quiet their fears and her mother married a German baron, bury their alarms. Preparation to present their claims and desires when the Maybrick was a wealthy Liverpool cotmatter comes up before the commission | ton merchant. When they were mar-

or other authority, is prudent and com-

It should be understood that if the covernment proceeds to make Utah lake a reservoir under the terms of the irrigation act, no prior and established rights will or can be ignored, and no person or company will be injured by anything that will be undertaken. That is one of the fundamental provisions of the law. If dyking is resorted to, dredging will also be done, and the lands mmediately above the dyke will be filled up and leveled. If any acreage is needed along the shores it will be purchased. If any damage is made by sonkage it will be paid for. Probably a considerable area will be vastly imroyed. But no person's property or ights will be invaded, and full compeneation will be assured if anyone is damaged by the work, of whatever nature t may be

It is a mistake to assume that nobody cares how much Utah county people suffer so long as Salt Lake county people are profited. Such an assumption causes needless ill-feeling and groundless pposition. The people of both counties are mutually interested in the importnt proposition to be considered, and ould proceed on that hypothesis. This iction that rasps the feelings of folks often, is unworthy of a community

ike ours. Why not inquire calmly, proceed intelligently, confer patiently and act as good friends instead of as natural enemies: The general welfare ought to be

ept in view, and the good of others as ell as our own ought to be considered. In this case there is no real cause for alarm. The law for the reclamation of arid lands and the benefit of the remi-arid region, is not designed to injure one section to the advantage of another. If the plan now contemplated succeeds, Utah county will lose noth ing by the gain to this county, for i is protected by the terms of the law under which the improvements wil proceed, and it will be found in the end, that both counties will share in the profits of the enterprise, and that th whole state will receive benefits of a

permanent character. THE STRIKE AWARD.

One of the important points in the ecision of the coal strike commission s the recommendation that any difficulty or disagreement arising under the award, that cannot be otherwise settled. shall be referred to a permanent joint ommittee, to consist of six persons appointed as provided in the report. This s a tribute to the principle of arbitration. If the recommendation is acted upon, there will be little cause for strikes in the future. The membership of that board is to be at all times kept complete, either the operators or miners organizations having the right at any time when a controversy is not pending to change their representation. At all hearings before the board the parties may be represented by such person or persons as they may respectively select. No suspension of work shall take place,

adjustment. In the matter of wages, the award s a compromise. It gives a 10 per cent increase to the skilled miners as a minimum and provides for an advance as the price of coal rises. For the day laborer in the mine the advance of 10 per cent is given with a ninenour instead of a ten-hour day, Shorter hours are provided for engineers and fremen. This is virtually a victory or the miners. They wanted an adance of 20 per cent, but declared, when this was refused, that they would accept ten per cent. This seems to have

by lockout or strike, pending the adju-

dication of any matter so taken up for

been considered fair. One of the principal questions at issue between the operators and the min ra was the question as to the recogniion of the miners' union. The comnission did not feel called upor to give any opinion on that point, but it did offer some suggestions. It

thought that a working agreement between employers and employes would be good, but, it was added, "the present constitution of the United Mine Workers of America does not present the most inviting inducements to the operators to enter into contractual reations with it."

The commissioners further say that 'trade unionism" is rapidly becoming a matter of business. "If the energy of the employer is directed to discourage ment and repression of the union he need not be surprised if the more radi cal ones are the ones most frequently heard." They express the opinion that difficulties can best be settled by con-

sultations by the emplor? with "a committee chosen by his employes, But they add that "in order to be entitled to such recognition the labor organization must give the same recogni tion to the rights of the employer and of others which it demands for itself and for its members. They add: The union must not undertake to assume, or to interfere with the management of the business of the employers." They also pronounce as untenable

the contention that "a majority of the employes of an industry, by voluntarily associating themselves in a union, acquire authority over those who do not so associate themselves." There is much good logic and com-

mon rense embodied in these remarks They are not given by authority but it the employes will consider them, and follow them, they will do well for the cause they represent.

THE MAYBRICK CASE.

The report that Mrs. Maybrick will bi- released from prison after anothe year's confinement, seems to be wel authenticated, and the news will be welcome to her friends on both sides of the ocean, and especially to those who of her liberation she will have been im.

prisoned for thirteen years, The heroine of the tragic story is of a prominent southern family. Her A. Campbell, formerly of the United Jefferson Davis' cabinet. At his death, an officer on the European staff. Mr. ried in 1881, she was about 18 years old, and he nearly 24. In the spring of 1889, Mr. Maybrick became ill and died. She was arrested, charged with having murdered him. After a long trial she was convicted and sentenced to die, but this sentence was commuted to life im-

prisonment. A letter found in a muddy street was the beginning of the prosecution. In this letter "Florrie" revealed a love intrigue with one Mr. Brierly, and several expressions in the letter could easily be taken for allusions to a plot to kill Maybrick. During the trial, the prosecution alleged that the victim had been given arsenic in his food, but experts for the defense strongly declared against the murder theory. It was even proved that for years Maybrick had been a confirmed arsenic eater, and that he daily took doses that would have killed ordinary men,

Justice Stephens, who presided at the trial, has often been accused of unfairness. It is said that he hated Americans and had been for years a contributor of rancorous articles on things American to the Saturday Review. He had been in the habit of arraying himself more or less openly on one side or another of most cases which came before him. Be this as it may, soon after the trial his mind gave way. He was declared to be insane and died in

a sanitarium for the insane. The British attorney for Mrs. Maybrick has labored unceasingly for her

release, believing her innocent. This is, in brief, the notorious Maybrick case. Whether the woman is guilty or not, she has suffered a great deal. There seems to be reasonable doubt as to her guilt, and in this country at least she is certain to be given the benefit of that doubt.

SEMI-TEETOTALISM.

One of the latest movements in the nterests of temperance in Great Britain is "semi-teetotalism." An organization has been formed which pledges its members to moderation in the use of intoxicants, instead of total abstinence. And it is reported that this association is spreading with a great deal of rapidity. Its aim is to induce people who are not willing to give up the use of liquors entirely to consent to use them only at meal times. People who live up to such a pledge will, it is thought, be little apt to go to excess and may, after a probation in moderation, be induced to give up alcohol entirely. A button, with a temperance motto and the address of the association in Belgrave Square, is provided, and it has come to be frequently seen on London streets.

Already two associations of semiteetotalists have been formed. One onfines its members to drinking at meals, and the other demands abstinence at meals, where children are present, and permits drinking at other times. Thus semi-tectotalism ought to suit all classes.

It will be observed that this is really no new project. When the temperance question was first sprung, "temperance" was the real object in view. Teetotalism was a second thought, inspired by the fact that few persons could keep temperate" without total abstinence, All drunkards, it was argued, commenced by being temperate drinkers. The real danger was in touching the cup at all, and if it was let alone entirely, there would be no drunkenness. Semi-tectotalism will not be much of a success from the standpoint of the advocate of sobriety.

He jests at scars who never drew a

The modern deadly parallel is the wheels of the automobile.

Miss Roosevelt in Porto Rico is a sort f Alice in Wonderland.

People who file divorce suits usually ave rasping tempers.

Castro's withdrawal of his resignation proved to be his drawing card.

May the new Irish land bill bring eace and prosperity to the Emerald

Castro has assured the Venezuelans hat he didn't mean it, or words to that

It would be interesting to have the pinion of the "Barber of Seville" on

he barber's bill. A true harmony dinner is one that can e eaten with pleasure and digested

without pain. The Macedonian war cloud seems to have folded its tents and stole away

And may it keep away. Young Stratton has wavy hair, but he refuses to waive his claims to his

dre's many millions. New Yorkers demand that the deady third rail be covered. Even then it will be a covert threat.

The Panama canal treaty having been ratified, Uncle Sam is now at liberty to pick his way across the isthmus.

Some men are so perverse that when they get on the right road they insist on going in the wrong direction.

There are almost as many claimants for the authorship of the Elkins antitrust bill as there were for Cinderella's glass slipper.

Buffalo Bill is said to have become multi-millionaire. It is the result of dis multifarious occupations and in-

The President will not be permitted to hunt in Yellowstone Park but he will probably take a snap shot now and again at bear and other big game. A copy of Hawthorne's "Mosses from

in Old Manse," first edition, fetched a hundred and two dollars the other day, The "Mosses" were of the velvet va-Had General Sir Hector Macdonald's

sense of shame, no disgrace would have ome to him and he would not now fill a suicide's grave. The war department by direction of

sense of decency been as keen as his

the President, has formally thanked General Leonard Wood for his administration of Cuba. How this will raise Rathbone's wrath!

If Ithaca, N. Y., won't accept Mr. Carnegie's offer to build that town a filtering plant, the distinguished philarthropist might build a system of reservoirs for Sait Lake City and so solve one of the pressing problems of the day,

After a long search, Col. W. H. Michael, chief clerk of the state department at Washington, has discovered that the original emancipation proclamation by Abraham Lincoln, setting free the slaves, was destroyed in the Chicago fire in 1871. It was sent to that city to be exhibited by a society of women. The department has been a long time in making the discovery of so important a fact. That document should have been as sacredly preserved as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

The hypothesis that because a city councilman is elected on the sam ticket with the Mayor, he must endorse every private scheme, personal project or official appointment favored by that functionary, or he is a "traitor" to his party and must be regarded as a political "outcast," is so preposterous as to excite as much wonder as ridicule, Yet that is the theory set forth by the morning paper that poses as the press authority of the Republican party in this city, while it denies that it is a party organ:

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St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Vast economic and social changes in the relative importance of ocean routes and of sections of the country will be caused by the canal. Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Pittsburg Post.

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New York Tribune.

As for treaties, concessions and international complications concerning it their name has been legion. Now, after nearly four centuries, the end is at last in sight. Truly it is a memorable thing. Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The canal strip is as well protected as it can be by treaty stipulations. The whole military and naval power of the United States can be used for its pro-tection, and, if the emergency demands it, without obtaining the consent of Colombia beforehand.

New Orleans Times-Democrat,

We have been a long time arranging his matter, so many complications have urisen and so many obstacles have been placed in the way of progress; and a times it has looked as though we would ever get a canal across the isthmus But popular sentiment has swep away obstacles and all the preliminaries have at last been completed.

Atlanta Constitution.

It may be regretted that some of the contentions made by the Democrats in fongress for outright ownership of the right to fortify and defend as we see fl were not incorporated in the treaty the outset; but it may be believed that the spirit of the agreement will be suff ient to amply protect us in these mat-

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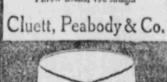
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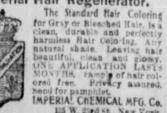
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